



California

Rural Water Association

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RE: Inyo-Mono IRWMP Round 1 Implementation Funding

California Department of Water Resources
Attn: Trevor Joseph
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
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Mr. Joseph,

California Rural Water Association (CRWA) is a non-profit organization consisting of rural water and wastewater systems throughout the state. Our association is committed to enhancing the quality of life in small communities by providing training, onsite technical assistance, and representation to tribes, public and private water utilities. Since 1990 we have been providing technical assistance and training to all California Counties, including the Disadvantaged Communities in the Inyo and Mono regions. Our main goals and objectives are to assist water systems in a Technical, Managerial and Financial (TMF) capacity for meeting applicable drinking water laws, regulations, and long term sustainability.

CRWA staff has been closely engaged with the Inyo- Mono IRWM program staff and entities seeking funding through the IRWMP. As a CRWA staff member over the past 7 years I have personally spent over 100 hours of onsite time with numerous community systems in both Inyo and Mono Counties. This region is largely rural and disadvantaged often lacking the resources for much needed water improvement projects. My observation of this region is that that funding is highly needed for efficient water management practices, including safe drinking water compliance in multiple cases. In review of the projects identified by the project proponents, it is felt these projects are instrumental to building capacity, and long term sustainability in the region.

CRWA is asking DWR to please reconsider this Implementation funding for the Inyo and Mono region.

Thank you for your time and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dustin Hardwick".

Dustin Hardwick
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